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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that

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I believe I am the original, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which (check one)

is attached hereto was filed on January 21, 2004 as Application Serial No. 10/761,643 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Priority claimed

<u>NONE</u> (Number)	(Country)	(Day/month/year filed)	Yes	No
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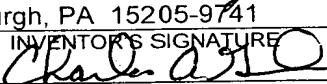
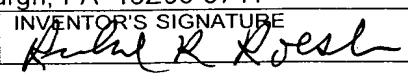
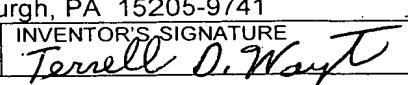
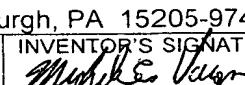
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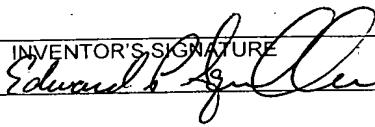
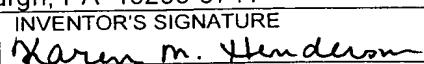
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